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God's Decree

- 3.3 and 3.5

- “By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated, or foreordained to eternal life through Jesus Christ, to the praise of His glorious grace; others being left to act in their sin to their just condemnation, to the praise of His glorious justice.”
- “Those of mankind that are predestinated to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.”
 - Unconditional Election to Salvation (Jn. 10:22-29; Acts 13:48; Eph 1:3-11; Rom. 8:29-30; 9:1-24; 1 Thess. 5:8-10; 1 Tim. 5:21; 2 Tim. 1:8-9; 2 Pet. 2:3; Jude 4)

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Answering Objections

- “According to Rom. 8:29 and 1 Peter. 1:1-2, election is conditional upon foreseen faith.”
- “If God elects people unto salvation, then they either don’t have to do anything to be saved or they don’t actually choose God, both of which are unbiblical.”
- “Unconditional election cannot be squared with God’s justice in holding people morally responsible because the reprobate are unable to do anything other than reject the Gospel.”
- “If our ordinary concepts of love and goodness cannot cross the Creator-creature chasm without being distorted beyond recognition, then we can’t really know what it means to say that God is loving or good. But God has revealed himself to us humans in precisely those words, and therefore, our ordinary concepts have to apply and therefore, we can’t take seriously the idea of a loving God who hardens people’s hearts and creates them with no hope of anything but damnation.”

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Answering Objections

- “If God elects some and not others, then he does not truly desire all people to be saved. But God does truly desire all people to be saved. Therefore, God does not elect some and not others.”
- “If God has pre-determined every single detail, then he is the author of evil. God is not the author of evil. Therefore, he has not pre-determined everything.”

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